

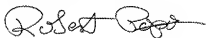
**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 48 are pending in the application. Claims 20, 21 and 27-29 have been withdrawn from consideration and are thus canceled without prejudice herein and with the express reservation of the right to present these and other claims in future related applications.

Applicants submit that the present amendment is solely directed to matters of form and that the application is now in condition for allowance in view of the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-19, 22-26 and 30-48, and thus respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

Respectfully submitted,



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